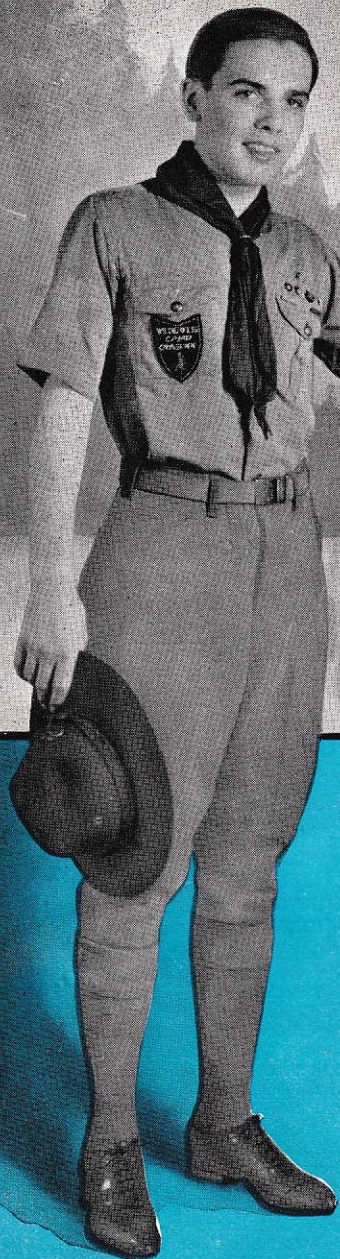


"Meet my Gang"



ANNUAL REPORT
1937

CHICAGO COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
9 W. Washington St. State 3990

There are 20,324 of us.



Cubs 9 to 11, inc.

Scouts 12 and over

Senior Scouts.. 15 and over

MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW!

1937	CUBS	SCOUTS and EXPLORERS	SEA SCOUTS	ROVERS	ADULTS
Boys:	4,000	15,214	1,012	98	
Units:	159 Packs	624 Troops	65 Ships	10 Crews	5,165
1936					
Boys:	3,408	15,549	878	58	
Units:	141 Packs	637 Troops	60 Ships	4 Crews	5,120
1937—858 Units					1936—842 Units
20,324 Boys					19,893 Boys
5,165 Men					5,120 Men
<u>25,489</u>					<u>25,013</u>
MEMBERSHIP TOTAL					

VARIETY OF PARENT INSTITUTIONS

The program of Scouting is available to churches and civic organizations for use with their boys. Each of these parent institutions chooses its own leadership from within its group. Such outstanding groups as the Catholic Youth Organization, the Chicago Church Federation, several Synods of the Lutheran Church, American Legion, Salvation Army, Polish Roman Catholic Union and the Institute for Juvenile Research are actively promoting the Scout program.

CHURCHES	No. Units	OTHER INSTITUTIONS and ORGANIZATIONS	No. Units
Roman Catholic Churches.....	170	American Legion.....	70
Greek Catholic Churches.....	2	Boys' Clubs.....	8
Polish Natl. Catholic Churches.....	2	Clubs and Associations.....	39
Jewish Temples and Synagogues.....	33	Community Center and Settlement Houses.....	26
Protestant Churches:		Groups of Citizens.....	19
Baptist.....	44	Industrial.....	7
Congregational.....	62	Jewish Institutions.....	4
Disciples of Christ.....	5	Knights of Columbus.....	4
Episcopal.....	31	Parks and Playgrounds.....	63
Evangelical.....	29	Salvation Army.....	10
Federated, Community.....	22	Schools.....	21
Latter Day Saints.....	2	Service Clubs.....	17
Lutheran.....	77	Veterans of Foreign Wars.....	5
Mennonite.....	1	Y.M.C.A.....	4
Methodist Episcopal.....	99	Miscellaneous.....	8
Presbyterian.....	79	Polish Roman Catholic Union.....	31
Reformed.....	3		
Swedish Evangelical Mission.....	2		
Universalist.....	2		
Miscellaneous.....	6		

Our Leaders are trained to help us.

1072 MEN COMPLETED LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES IN 1937



To lead youth properly, knowledge must accompany desire to serve. Training courses ranging in length from five to twelve two-hour sessions are given under the leadership of specialists. These courses cover subjects as divergent as the divisions and avocational fields within the Scout Program.

Here are some of the courses:

Elementary and advanced planning in the operation and programming for Cub, Scout and Senior Scout units.

A course in the principles of education underlying the Cub and Scout Programs with such speakers as Professor E. J. Chave of the University of Chicago and Dr. W. H. Kilpatrick of Northwestern.

Specialization courses, some of which are

First Aid
Nature Study
Handicraft
Water Safety and Life Saving

Boat Handling
Senior Scouting
Indian Lore

TRAINING COMMITTEE

Philip P. Sachs,
Chairman
Dr. Forest A. Kingsbury
Dr. V. O. Graham
Bonnell H. Allen

Charles Lang
Bernard Baer
Wayne Johnston
William Holton
Allen E. Hoban
William Hooks

These men help us grow --

ORGANIZATION AND SERVICE



The successful spread of the Scout program is due largely to the intelligent efforts of the Organization Committee of the Chicago Council.

During 1937 these volunteers, in conjunction with a few members of the executive staff, made 1127 visits to help bring a knowledge of Scouting to interested groups and to those neighborhoods where Scouting is most needed. Their efforts resulted in the chartering of 123 new units—63 new Troops of Scouts, 14 Ships of Sea Scouts, 38 Packs of Cubs and 8 Crews of Rovers.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Harvey G. Ellerd, Chairman
William Kuechler—
North West
John Scanlon—West Side
C. H. Rockwell, Jr.—
So. Shore
J. C. Carr—South West

Frank Buchta—North Shore
S. B. Danley—Douglas
Carl Lueders—Cubs
Al Horne—American Legion
Adj. Leslie Catlin—Sal. Army
Rev. W. H. Chelminski—
C.Y.O.

THE COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners of the Chicago Council, a group of 259 volunteer leaders, have successfully carried their share in the development of the Movement.

Their responsibility is the life of all units—assisting Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, and Skippers, advising on program, promoting district and inter-troop activities, arranging for the renewal of unit charters and aiding in the general health of the entire Program.

During 1937 these men made 3,607 recorded visits to units.

THE MEN

Nathaniel A. Owings, Scout Commissioner
S. R. Jensen, Field Commissioner for Cubbing
Linza F. Coleman, Field Commissioner for Sea Scouting
William G. Rowney, North West
Charles Lhotka, West Side
J. H. Woodward, South Shore
K. T. Wood, South West
Carl Hallen, North Shore
Dr. H. B. Shepard, Douglas
13 Field Commissioners
40 Assistant District Commissioners
197 Neighborhood Commissioners



Our slogan "Do a Good Turn Daily".

MORE THAN 7,000 BOYS PARTICIPATED IN CIVIC GOOD TURNS



Serving as ushers, distributing posters, conducting patriotic ceremonies, decorating the graves of veterans, paying for and distributing Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets, assisting in the Flood Relief programs—these and many other services were volunteered for by 7,076 boys in 622 units during 1937.

Some specific services: decorated 1980 graves of veterans for the "Gold Star Fathers" . . . distributed 15,846 posters for the American Red Cross; 10,000 for "Tuberculosis Prevention"; 1,500 for the "President's Birthday Ball"; . . . participated in Washington, Lincoln, Fort Dearborn and Constitution Day ceremonies.

ACTIVITIES

Huge campfires, first aid contests, swim meets, Cub picnics, the District and Council Annual Meetings, the Sea Scout Commodore's Inspection and Ball plus many other features attracted the attention of more than 37,000 participants. These District and city-wide activities provided a rich background for the regular weekly meetings of each of the 858 units. Beside these regular weekly meetings, the vast majority also conducted at least one or two special events such as a Parents' Night or Father and Son Banquet. There is no record of the total attendance at these unit functions, but such a figure would reach large proportions.

ACTIVITIES AND CIVIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

J. Sanford Otis, Chairman
Judge John P. McGoorty, Chairman Civic Service
William J. Campbell
C. Groverman Ellis
Hyde Gillette

Harry A. Gross (Sea Scout Representative)
Stephen Y. Hord
H. Earl Hoover
Dempster MacMurphy
E. H. Noyes
Nathaniel A. Owings

Donald J. Walsh
Barrett Wendell, Jr.

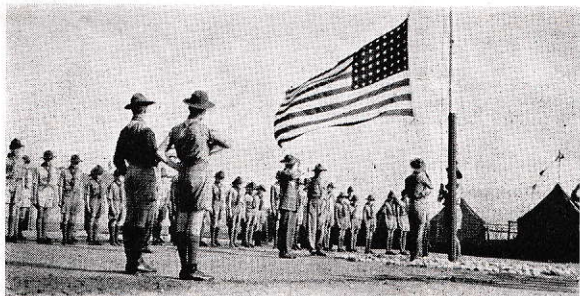
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Activities

W. J. Mattick
J. J. Cervenka
Dr. J. W. Russell
C. M. Olson
Dr. J. H. Berry

Civic Service

George E. Dierssen
George W. Skeeles
Judge J. Burke



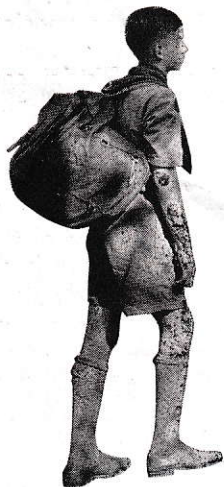
We follow the trail



"Follow the trail to the open air,
Alone with the hills and sky;
A pack on your back and never a care,
Letting the days go by."



**132,237 BOY AND LEADER DAYS SPENT
IN CAMP DURING 1937!**



Where they were spent:

SUMMER CAMPING

Council Camps—Owasippe	31,915
Doddridge	2,396
Kiwanis	6,860

WINTER CAMP 170

YEAR 'ROUND HIKES 73,131

Other Camps—

(Troops, Organizations)	16,775
National Jamboree	990

**Boy and
Leader Days**

TOTAL 132,237

Three unusual Camping Adventures during 1937:

THE NATIONAL JAMBOREE—Washington, D. C.

A gathering of 27,000 Scouts and leaders.

Ninety-nine Chicago boys and leaders attended this great event.

THE INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE—in Holland.

A Chicago Scout attended this world-wide Scout gathering.

WINTER CAMP—at Owasippe.

Held during the Christmas holidays. Thirty-five boys and leaders
skated, skied, tobogganed for five days.

to the Open Air.

ABOUT THE CAMPS



SUMMER CAMPS

The A. Stamford White Owasippe Scout Camps (Whitehall, Michigan). A thousand acres of forestland on two inland lakes "up where the North begins." The individual camps are:

Camp Robert Stuart
Camp James E. West
Camp Dan Beard
Camp Belnap

Camp Wilderness
Camp Pioneer
Leaders Family Camp

Camp Doddridge (Libertyville, Illinois)

One hundred acres of field and forest adjacent to a river, leased from the Katharine Kreigh Budd Memorial Foundation.

Camp Kiwanis (Willow Springs, Illinois)

In the beautiful hills of Palos Park Forest Preserve.

YEAR 'ROUND CAMPS: (Used by troops throughout the year for hiking and camping trips.)

Camp Doddridge

Camp Kiwanis

Camp Fort Dearborn

In the Forest Preserve near the Des Plaines River and Irving Park Boulevard.

Camp Harrison

In the Forest Preserve near Thornton, Illinois.

Campinland

In the Sand Dunes, near Ogden, on property loaned by the Inland Steel Company.

THE CAMP COMMITTEE

Philip F. W. Peck, Chairman
H. A. Heidkamp
Joseph J. G. Crammer, Jr.
Russell A. Jones
Arthur Haigh
Dr. R. W. Horlick
Nelson Brewer
George Dierssen
A. S. Irvine
Barrett Scudder
C. Daggett Harvey
Lester M. Jones
E. A. Schmidt
Bob Becker
William R. Odell, Jr.
Captain Charles G. Sauers



When we're nine, ten and eleven --

The Cub promises:

"To Do My Best"

- (1) to be SQUARE and
- (2) to OBEY the Law of the Cub Pack



MORE CUBS THAN ANY OTHER CITY! 4000

Cubs are not "junior Scouts," but have a program and achievements designed primarily for boys of Cub age—nine, ten and eleven years. They have a "Pack" made up of several "Dens." Each Den has an average of eight boys. Through the wise guidance of the Cub leaders and with the assistance of "Den Dads" and "Den Mothers," they combine the age of "play and make believe" with training in the precepts of their "Promise"—Be Square . . . Obey the Law of the Pack.



THE CUB COMMITTEE

Alfred W. Stern, Chairman	Dr. Clifford R. Shaw
John R. Winterbotham	S. R. Jensen
Dr. Forrest A. Kingsbury	Wayne Johnston
Dr. V. O. Graham, North West	Dr. A. D. M. Kraus, South West
Will Smith, West Side	C. G. Lueders, North Shore
L. D. Comstock, South Shore	Dr. R. C. Chatman, Douglas

When we're twelve and older --

CHICAGO HAS MORE SCOUTS THAN ANY OTHER COUNCIL 15,214



The Boy Scout program for boys twelve years of age and older needs no introduction to the people of Chicago—more than one hundred thousand of the city's business men have been members of this "gang."

The program of Scouting, from Tenderfoot, the start, through Eagle, the highest rank, is a series of experiences in good character and good citizenship. More than 100 merit badges are available for knowledge in cultural, trade and business fields. The achievements encompass such subjects as first aid, sculpturing, bird study, metal working, athletics, business and agriculture. 745 "Merit Badge Counselors," men who are experts in a particular field, assist in the preparation and examination of Scouts.



For Carpentry Merit
Badge

SCOUT ADVANCEMENT IN 1937

2nd Class.....	3,212
1st Class.....	1,465
Star.....	757
Life.....	350
Eagle.....	127
Merit Badges.....	12,351

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Morton Bodfish.....	Chairman
George Harvey.....	Sea Scouts
B. A. Colbert.....	North West
Fred O. Wright.....	West Side
H. A. Helstrom.....	South Shore
K. T. Wood.....	South West
K. W. Duncan.....	North Shore
Sydney P. Brown.....	Douglas

When we're fifteen --

At fifteen a boy may participate in some of the Senior Scout activities or may continue in his troop with the desire to achieve junior leadership.



The Divisions of Senior Scouting

CHICAGO HAS MORE SEA SCOUTS THAN ANY OTHER COUNCIL! 1012 SEA SCOUTING

Here the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law are given continued impetus through new experiences. The lore and high adventure of water activities, participation in ceremonies and social events, plus the privilege of wearing a distinctive uniform appeal to young men of this age.



EXPLORER SCOUTING

The Explorer Scout Program offers to First Class Scouts, fifteen years of age and over, exploration into fields of new interests by dividing the Merit Badge Program into special fields, as Scout Engineer, Scout Craftsman, Scout Sportsman. This is the recognition of advancing skills.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

A national organization of Scouts who are honor campers. One thousand boys and men comprising the Chicago membership, carry out a program of social and service activities designed to retain their interest in the Scout Program and to promote camping among the Scouts of Chicago.

ROVER SCOUTING

For young men eighteen years of age and older. Using the cut-of-doors as a basis for their activities, each assumes a "quest" as his service contribution to Scouting or the community. At seventeen a boy may become an "apprentice" or "squire."

** Dr. Shaw says --*

"The Chicago Council of the Boy Scouts of America has co-operated with the Chicago Area Project in identifying and utilizing neighborhood leadership so that the Scout Program now reaches 20% of the boy population of Scout age in some of the districts that for 37 years have had the highest rate of juvenile delinquency. Until recently, Scouting reached only 3% of the boys of Scout age in these same areas. The extension of the experience into other areas of the city awaits only the necessary financial resources."



*Clifford R. Shaw, Head of the Dept. of Research Sociology of the Institute for Juvenile Research and Director of the Chicago Area Project.

1937 EXPENDITURES AND INCOME

EXPENDITURES

Training Volunteer and Professional Leaders.....	\$ 7,640.74	
Camping	26,680.69	
Public Relations	9,231.50	
Special Project—Delinquency Areas.....	1,480.74	
Camp Scholarships	1,543.89	
(Fund from regular income to provide a camping experience for less-chance boys)		
Field Service to Packs, Troops, and Ships; Organization of New Units	71,434.47	
Office Service to Volunteer Leaders.....	32,062.37	
National Quota and Charter.....	5,820.00	\$ 155,894.40

INCOME

Community Fund	45,025.00	
Contributions	70,733.90	
Endowments	39,123.11	
Miscellaneous	10.66	\$ 154,892.67

EXCESS EXPENDITURES OVER INCOME..... \$ 1,001.73

EXPENDITURES FROM CAPITAL

To Increase Capacity of Camps

Owasippe Scout Camps	22,695.48	
Camp Doddridge	2,703.78	
Camp Kiwanis	1,063.42	\$ 26,462.68

SUGGESTED FORM OF BEQUEST

I devise and bequeath to the Chicago Council of the Boy Scouts of America (incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois) to be applied to the educational purposes of said incorporation and under its direction.

(Insert description of money or property given)

Further information will be furnished upon request to the
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 9 West Washington Street State 3990



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